

P-20 Council Meeting Notes
Buck Library, Buena Vista Conference Center
New Castle, DE
Monday, January 12, 2015

Welcome

State Board of Education President Teri Quinn Gray welcomed Council members as she called the meeting to order. She provided a brief overview of the agenda for the meeting.

Members present: Teri Quinn Gray, Donna Johnson, Peggy Bottorff, Charlene Stephens, Rhonda Ringer, Deborah Gottschalk, Kim Sudler, Kim Joyce, Earl Jaques, Dave Sokola, Mark DiMaio, Rodney Brittingham, and Denise Stouffer.

Others present: Luke Rhine, Ryan Reyna, Nancy Widdoes and Jenn Buzcak.

P-20 Council Business – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Donna Johnson, State Board Executive Director, noted a quorum of the Council was present. The minutes from the October, April and July meetings were approved. Ms. Johnson demonstrated how Council members can access P-20 meeting materials from the State Board's eBoard site and also from the P-20 website.

Update on Early Childhood Education Programs and Initiatives

Nancy Widdoes from the Office of Early Learning highlighted the four goals from the Delaware Early Learning Challenge Grant Implementation Plan. Goal 1 – expand comprehensive screening and follow up for young children; Goal 2 – expand number of Stars Programs and high needs children in Stars, Goal 3 – building connections between early learning and K-12 schools and Goal 4 – sustain a thriving statewide early learning system. The Council also received a summary of the successes for each goal.

ESEA Flexibility Renewal Application – Guidelines and Timeline Overview

Ryan Reyna from the Department of Education provided an update on the State's ESEA Flexibility Renewal Application that focuses on college- and career-ready expectations for all students, differentiated recognition, accountability and support systems for schools and districts, supporting effective instruction and leadership, and reducing duplication and unnecessary burden. A timeline was also presented for public engagement on the renewal application.

Career and Technical Education – Update on New Programs

Luke Rhine from the Department of Education shared the Roadmap for the Future of career and technical education. Focus areas are Career & College Readiness: a comprehensive pathways

(7-14+) for delivering academic and Career & Technical Education (CTE) that prepare all students for career advancement and continuing education; Shared Accountability: programmatic support and evaluation from kindergarten through career; and Professional Learning: robust partnerships with business and industry as well as higher education to support teachers and school system leaders.

The Council members discussed topics to address and highlight in upcoming P-20 Council meetings. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting of the P-20 Council is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at Noon.